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December 6, 2005

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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mark Gold Aarons, M.D. P.O. Box 845 Southern Pines, NC 28388

Re: License No. 161530

Dear Dr. Aarons:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 05-278 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 13, 2005.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order to the Board for Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

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NEW YORK STATE STATE BOARD FOR PROFE			
IN THE MATTER		CONSENT	
OF		ORDER	
MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D.		_ BPMC No.	#05 - 278

Upon the application of MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D., (Respondent) in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 12/5/05

KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

AGREEMENT

MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D. CO-05-01-0398-A

AND ORDER

MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D., (Respondent) representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about March 18, 1985, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 161530 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is P.O. Box 845, Southern Pines, NC 28388, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and made a part of this Consent Agreement.

I do not contest the two (2) Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

My New York State medical license shall be limited in accordance with the terms in Exhibit B, attached, hereto, until my license in the State of North Carolina is fully restored without any conditions.

Respondent shall comply fully with the July 26, 2005, Consent Order of the North Carolina Board and any extension or modification thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the North Carolina Board to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the North Carolina Order.

Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the North Carolina Order during the declaration period specified.

Should I return to the practice of medicine in New York state or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on my New York state medical license to practice medicine, prior to my license being full restored by the State of North Carolina, I shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or conditions, he deems reasonable.

Prior to the active practice of medicine in New York State Respondent shall obtain an independent psychiatric/chemical dependency evaluation by a health care professional proposed by the Respondent and approved, in writing, by the Director of OPMC. I shall bear all expenses of such evaluation.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New York State Education, Department Division of Professional Licensing Services (except during periods of actual suspension), and pay all registration fees. This condition shall take effect thirty (30) days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, OR upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patients identities, if any, redacted.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Order are authorized by Public Health Law Sections 230 and 230-a and that the Board for Professional Medical Conduct and the Office of Professional Medical Conduct have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: NOV 14, 05

MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D.

Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions thereof.

Attorney for Respondent

ROBERT BOGAN Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D. CO-05-01-0398-A

CHARGES

MARK GOLD AARONS, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 18, 1985, by the issuance of license number 161530 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about December 10, 2004, by a Voluntary Surrender Form, Respondent voluntary surrendered his North Carolina license to practice medicine.
- B. On or about July 26, 2005, the North Carolina Medical Board (hereinafter "North Carolina Board"), by a Consent Order (hereinafter "North Carolina Order"), issued Respondent a Temporary Medical License, to expire in November 23, 2005, required him, inter alia, to meet with the North Carolina Board, to maintain a contract with NCPHP and abide by its terms, to attend AA and/or Cadeceus meetings, and to practice only in a setting approved by the North Carolina Board, based on an addiction to drugs.
- C. The conduct resulting in the North Carolina Medical Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:
- 1. New York Education Law §6530(8) (by being dependent on or a habitual user of drugs).

SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the findings was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.

DATED: New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT B LIMITATIONS

- 1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
- 2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
- 3. Respondent shall fully cooperate with and respond in a timely manner to requests from OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall personally meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as requested by the Director.
- 4. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.